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SUBJECT: 63RD ECOSOC SESSION: PLO MEMBERSHIP IN ECWA

REF: GENEVA 5792

1. WE ARE UNABLE TO AGREE TO TERMS OF EGYPTIAN PROPOSAL
FOR DEFERRAL OF VOTE ON PLO MEMBERSHIP. AS WE UNDER-
STAND IT, THE PROPOSAL AMOUNTS TO A TACIT AGREEMENT
TO PERMIT THE PLO TO JOIN ECWA AS A MEMBER, WHICH WE
CANNOT ACCEPT.

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2. YOU MAY CONVEY TO EGYPTIANS OUR REACTION DRAWING ON
THE FOLLOWING:

-- WE WISH TO RETAIN IN ECOSOC THE AUTHORITY TO DECIDE
ON CRITERIA FOR MEMBERSHIP IN ITS REGIONAL ECONOMIC
COMMISSIONS. WE PREFER TO HAVE THE DECISION TAKEN IN

A BODY WHERE ALL THE MEMBERS OF ECOSOC CAN MAKE KNOWN
THEIR POSITION ON THE IMPORTANT ISSUE OF WHETHER AN
ENTITY LESS THAN A STATE CAN PARTICIPATE AS A FULL
MEMBER;

-- ECWA ITSELF RECOGNIZES THAT AUTHORITY BY HAVING

FORMALLY SOUGHT ECOSOC'S APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED
AMENDMENT OF ECWA MEMBERSHIP STATUTES TO PERMIT FULL
MEMBERSHIP FOR THE PLO;

-- WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT IS MEANT BY "SPECIAL" STATUS
FOR THE PLO, BUT WE CANNOT AGREE TO CREATE A NEW
AND AMBIGUOUS CATEGORY OF PARTICIPATION IN UN BODIES;

-- WE ADVANCED THE IDEA OF DEFERRING A VOTE UNTIL
NEXT YEAR AFTER THE PLO ISSUE HAD BEEN STUDIED BY A
LEGAL ADVISORY GROUP. THIS IS A FAIR COMPROMISE
WHICH WOULD NOT PRE-JUDGE THE ISSUE AND WOULD AVOID
A CONFRONTATION. WE HOPE THE EGYPTIANS WILL URGE
THE OTHER ARAB STATES TO CONSIDER OUR PROPOSAL
CAREFULLY.

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